

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Gerrit J. Keesman

Serial No. 08/901,338

Filed: July 28, 1997

Title: BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE COMPRESSION SYSTEMS

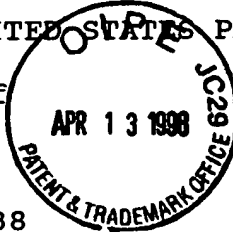
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 10, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows (the time for responding having been extended for one month by the accompanying Petition):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

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1. (Four Times Amended) A method of compression for transmission of encoded digital video signals having a variable number of data bits per image frame, comprising the steps of:

a) detecting a first bit ^{rate} of an encoded digital video signal bit stream;

b) sequentially writing the encoded digital video signal bit stream into ^{an encoder} a buffer at the first bit rate;

c) deriving a second bit rate as a percentage of the first bit rate, which percentage changes inversely in relation to changes in the first bit rate; and